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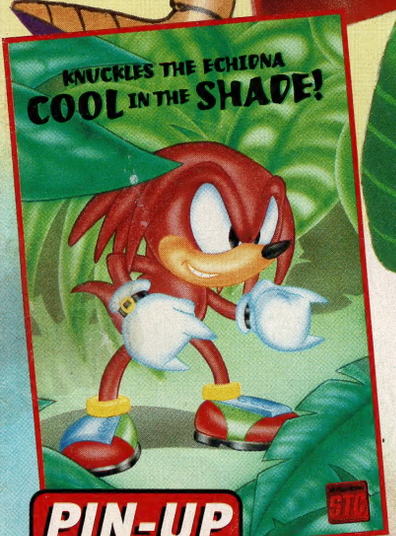

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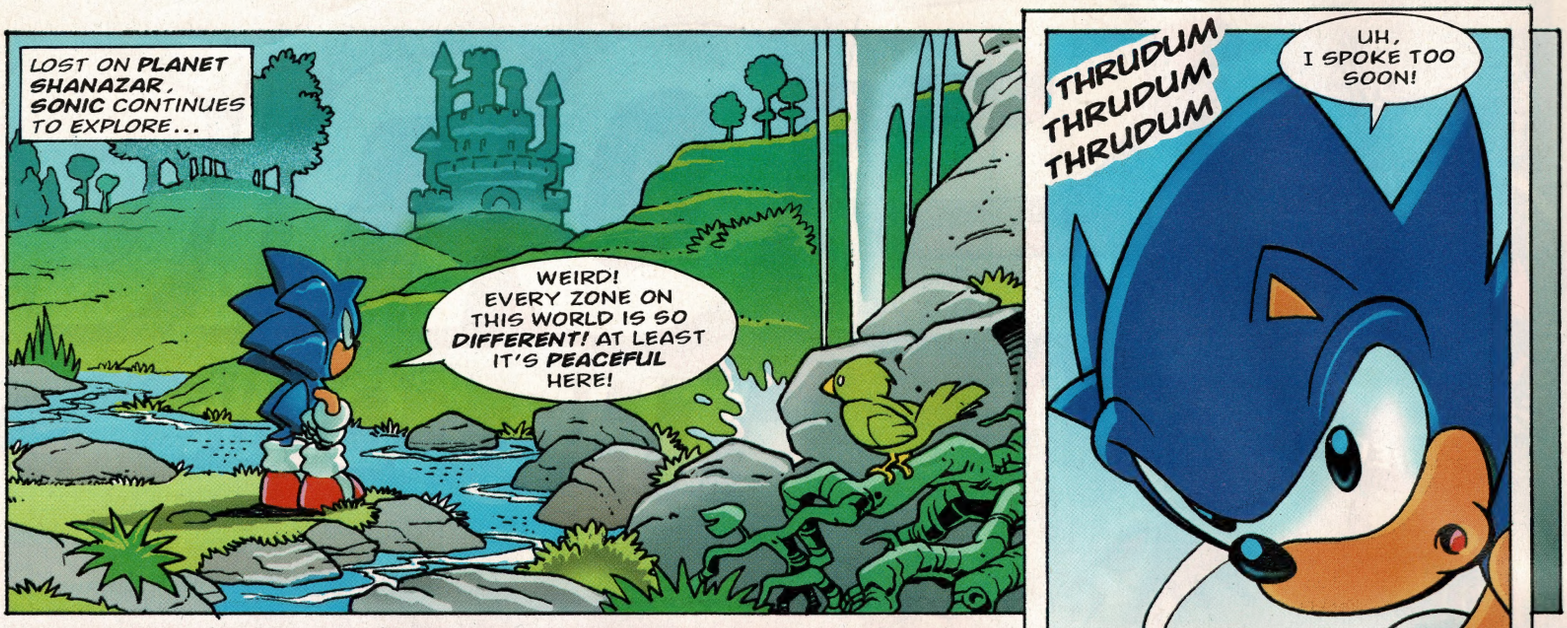
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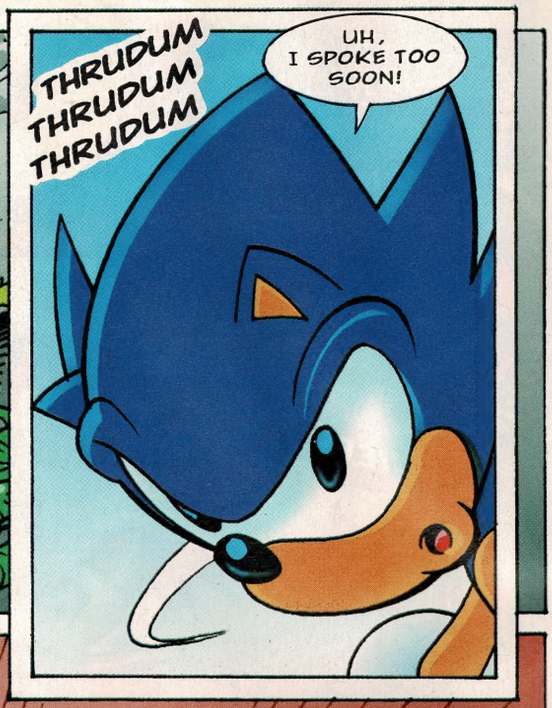
WEIRD! EVERY ZONE ON THIS WORLD IS SO DIFFERENT! AT LEAST IT'S PEACEFUL HERE!



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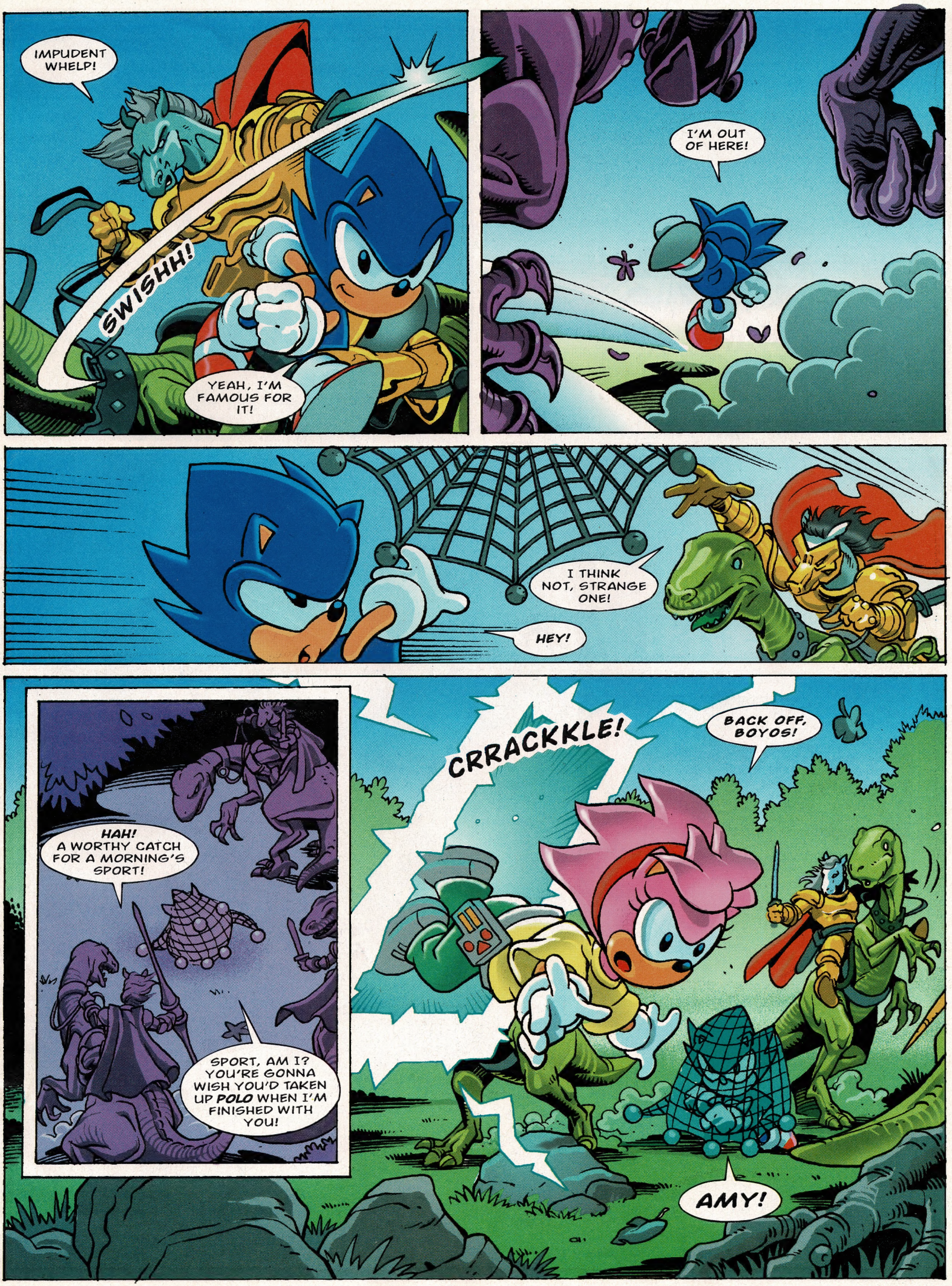
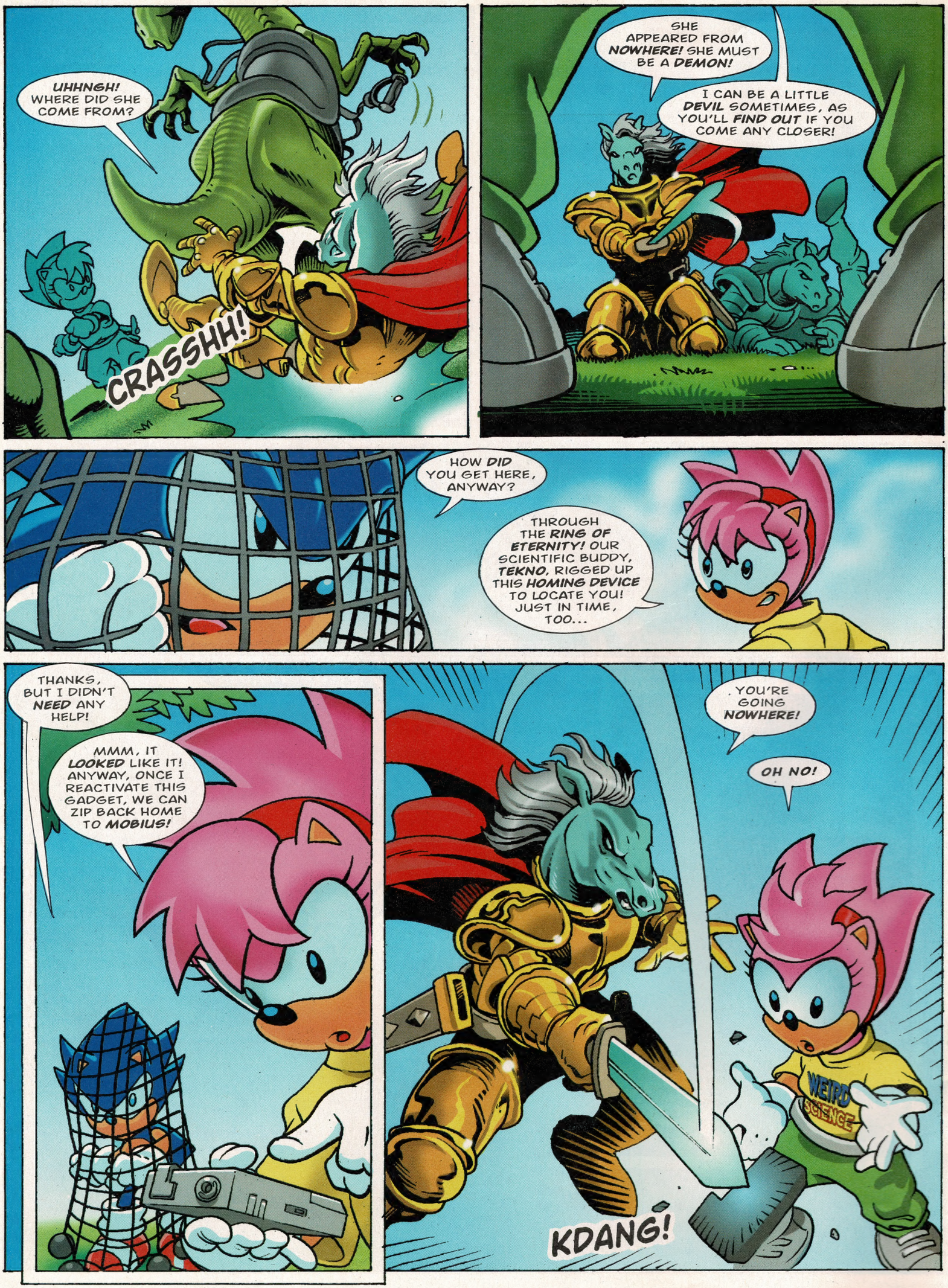
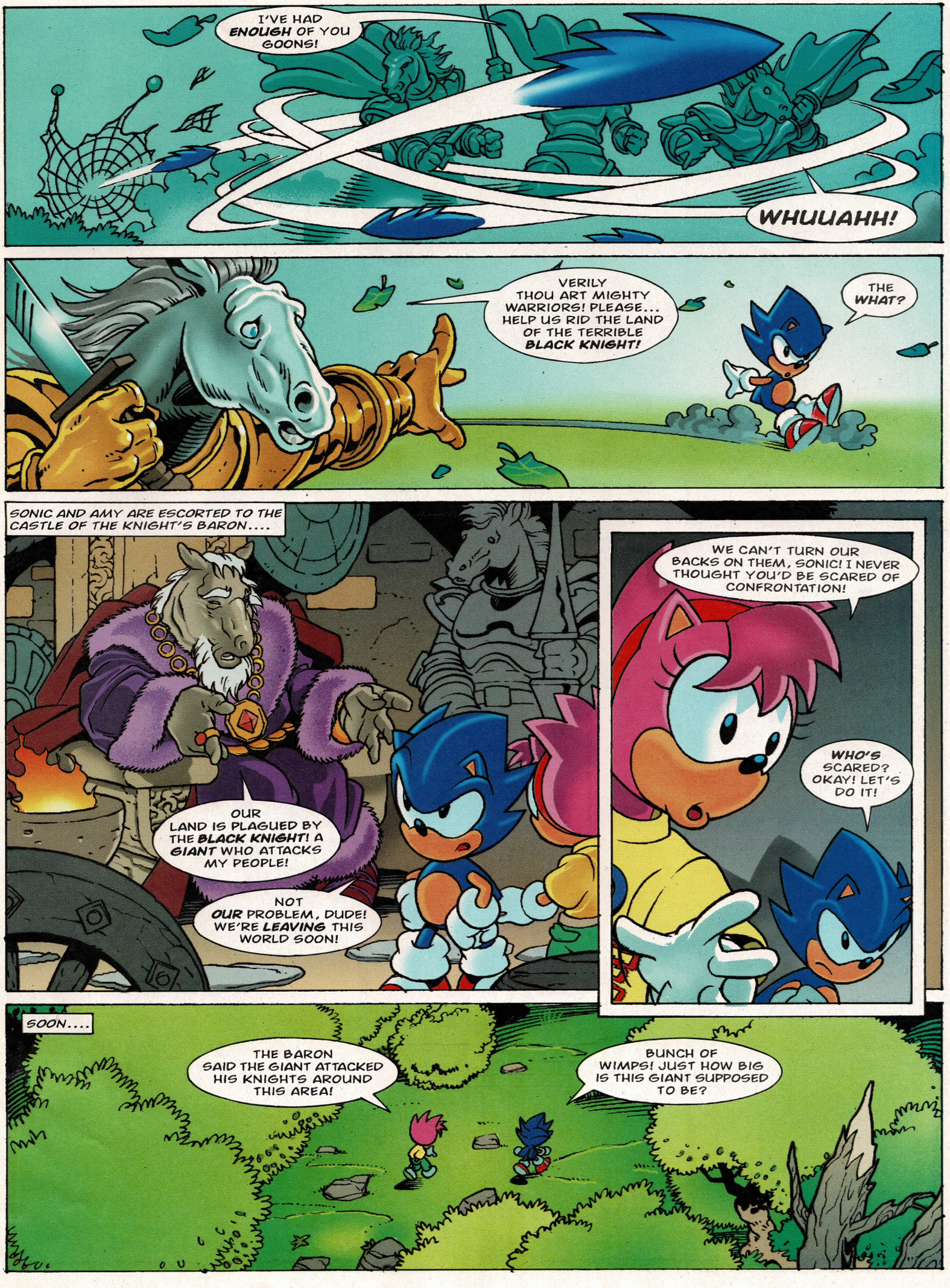
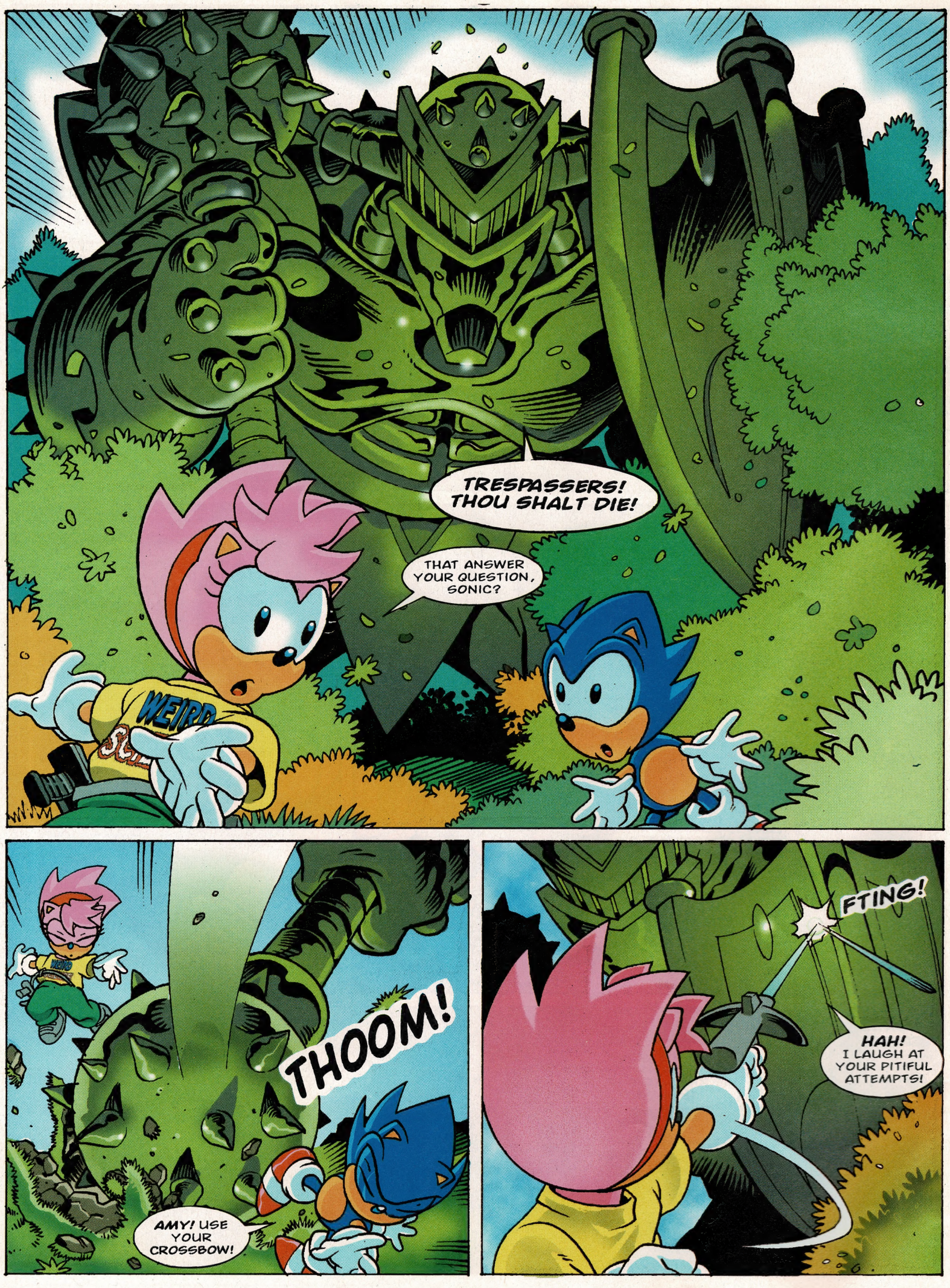
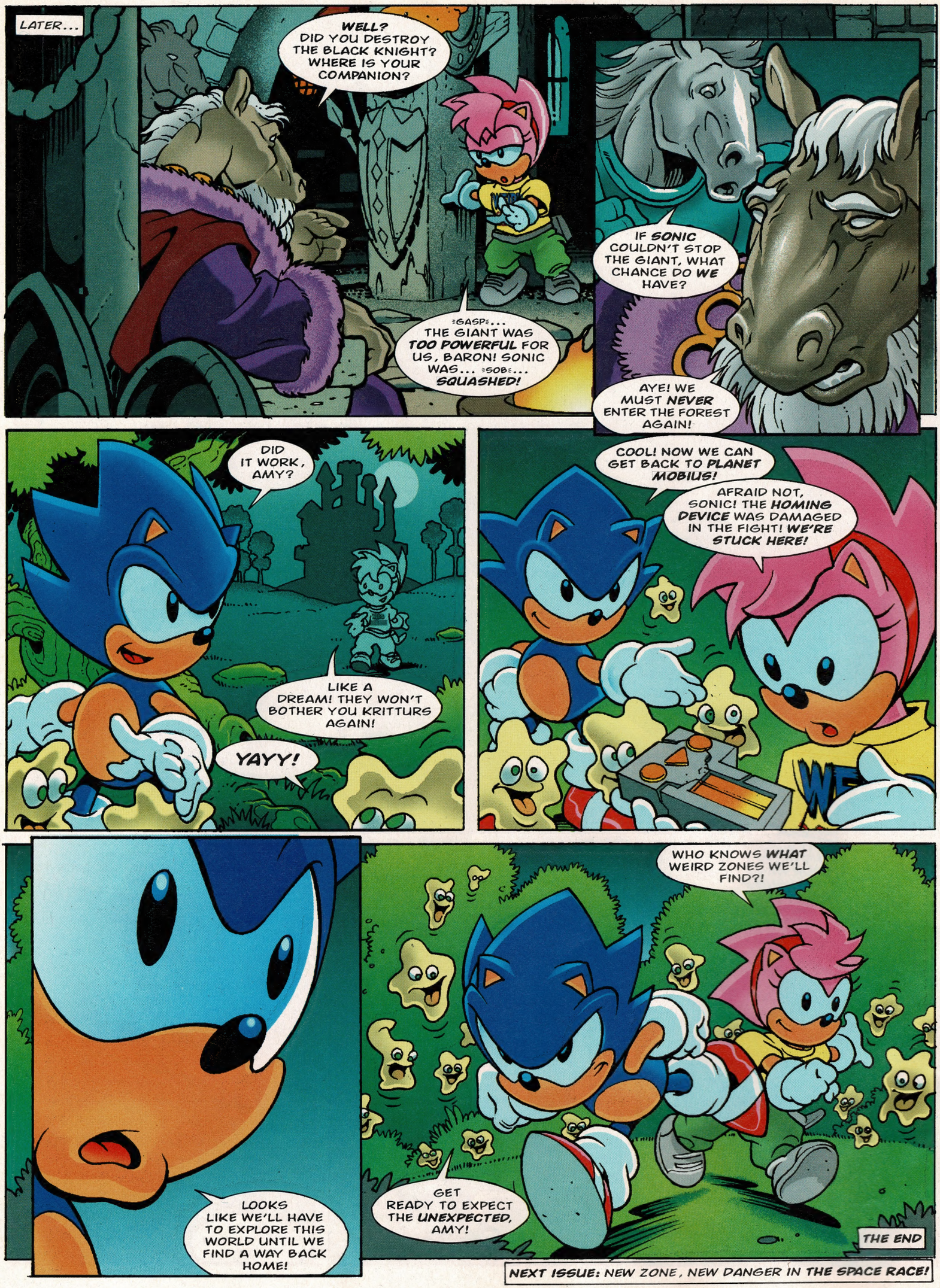

IMPUDENT WHELP!
SWISHH!
YEAH, I'M FAMOUS FOR IT!
I'M OUT OF HERE!
I THINK NOT, STRANGE ONE!
HEY!
HAH! A WORTHY CATCH FOR A MORNING'S SPORT!
SPORT, AM I? YOU'RE GONNA WISH YOU'D TAKEN UP POLO WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH YOU!
CRRACKKLE!
BACK OFF, BOYOS!
AMY!


UHHNGH! WHERE DID SHE COME FROM?
CRASSHH!
SHE APPEARED FROM NOWHERE! SHE MUST BE A DEMON!
I CAN BE A LITTLE DEVIL SOMETIMES, AS YOU'LL FIND OUT IF YOU COME ANY CLOSER!
HOW DID YOU GET HERE, ANYWAY?
THROUGH THE RING OF ETERNITY! OUR SCIENTIFIC BUDDY, TEKNO, RIGGED UP THIS HOMING DEVICE TO LOCATE YOU! JUST IN TIME, TOO...
THANKS, BUT I DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP!
MMM, IT LOOKED LIKE IT! ANYWAY, ONCE I REACTIVATE THIS GADGET, WE CAN ZIP BACK HOME TO MOBIUS!
YOU'RE GOING NOWHERE!
OH NO!
KDANG!
WEIRD SCIENCE


I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOU GOONS!
WHUUAHH!
VERILY THOU ART MIGHTY WARRIORS! PLEASE... HELP US RID THE LAND OF THE TERRIBLE BLACK KNIGHT!
THE WHAT?
SONIC AND AMY ARE ESCORTED TO THE CASTLE OF THE KNIGHT'S BARON....
OUR LAND IS PLAGUED BY THE BLACK KNIGHT! A GIANT WHO ATTACKS MY PEOPLE!
NOT OUR PROBLEM, DUDE! WE'RE LEAVING THIS WORLD SOON!
WE CAN'T TURN OUR BACKS ON THEM, SONIC! I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BE SCARED OF CONFRONTATION!
WHO'S SCARED? OKAY! LET'S DO IT!
SOON....
THE BARON SAID THE GIANT ATTACKED HIS KNIGHTS AROUND THIS AREA!
BUNCH OF WIMPS! JUST HOW BIG IS THIS GIANT SUPPOSED TO BE?


TRESPASSERS! THOU SHALT DIE!
THAT ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, SONIC?
WEIRD
THOOM!
AMY! USE YOUR CROSSBOW!
FTING!
HAH! I LAUGH AT YOUR PITIFUL ATTEMPTS!

LAUGH THIS OFF, BIG GUY!
EEK!
EEK!
EEK!
FWAMM!
IT WASN'T A GIANT AFTER ALL! THE ARMOUR WAS FULL OF... THINGS!
WOULD ONE OF YOU GUYS MIND TELLING ME WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND HERE?
WE ARE THE KRITTURS! WE ARE A PEACEFUL RACE, BUT WE DISGUISED OURSELVES WITHIN THE ARMOUR TO KEEP THE EVIL BARON'S KNIGHT-MARES TAKING WHAT'S OURS!
SO YOU'RE REALLY THE GOOD GUYS, HUH?
TOO BAD I WRECKED THEIR ARMOUR! NOW THEY'RE OPEN TO ATTACK!
MAYBE NOT! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!


LATER...
WELL? DID YOU DESTROY THE BLACK KNIGHT? WHERE IS YOUR COMPANION?
GASP... THE GIANT WAS TOO POWERFUL FOR US, BARON! SONIC WAS... SOB... SQUASHED!
IF SONIC COULDN'T STOP THE GIANT, WHAT CHANCE DO WE HAVE?
AYE! WE MUST NEVER ENTER THE FOREST AGAIN!
DID IT WORK, AMY?
LIKE A DREAM! THEY WON'T BOTHER YOU KRITTURS AGAIN!
YAYY!
COOL! NOW WE CAN GET BACK TO PLANET MOBIUS!
AFRAID NOT, SONIC! THE HOMING DEVICE WAS DAMAGED IN THE FIGHT! WE'RE STUCK HERE!
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO EXPLORE THIS WORLD UNTIL WE FIND A WAY BACK HOME!
GET READY TO EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED, AMY!
WHO KNOWS WHAT WEIRD ZONES WE'LL FIND?!
THE END

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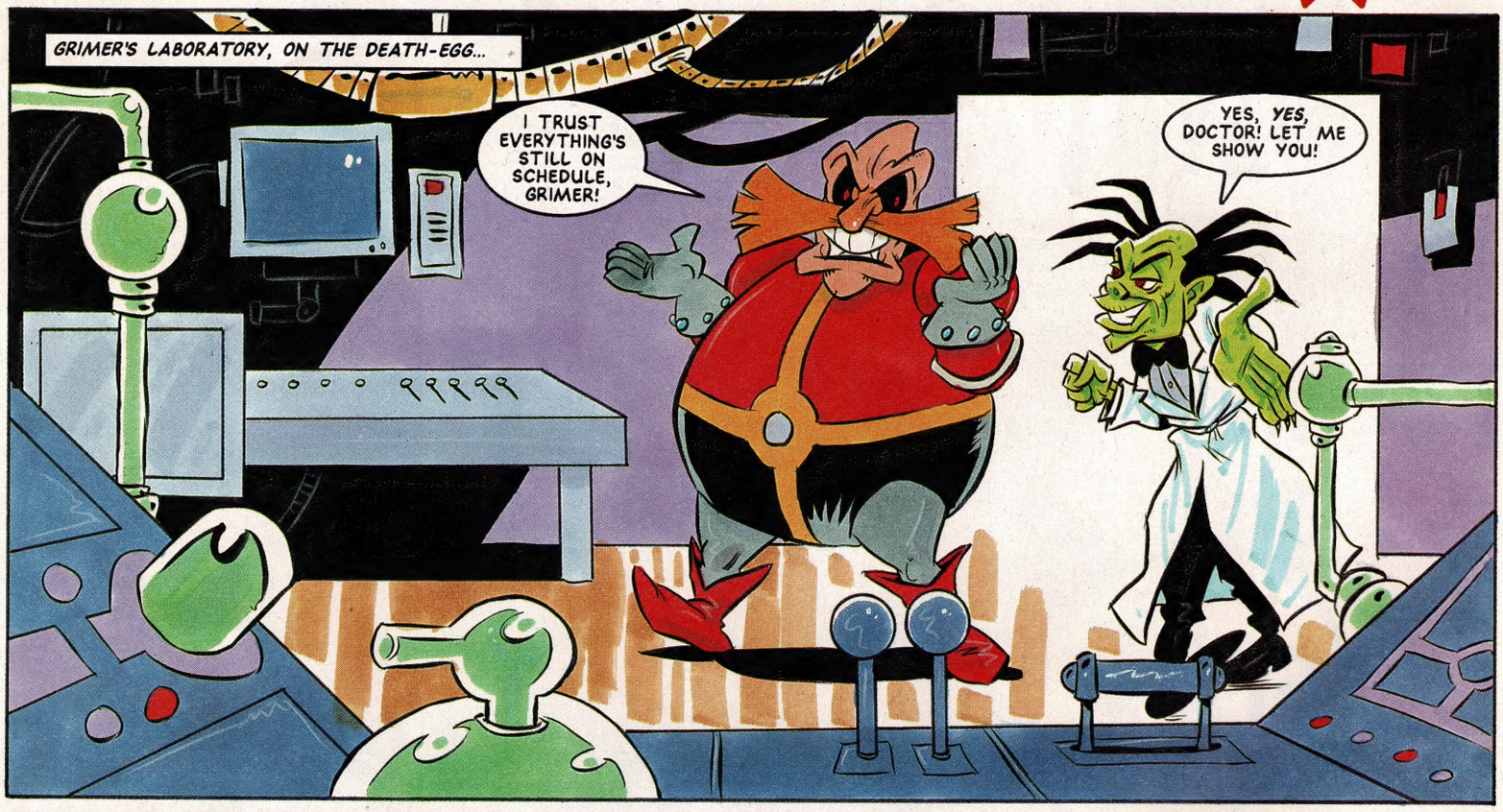
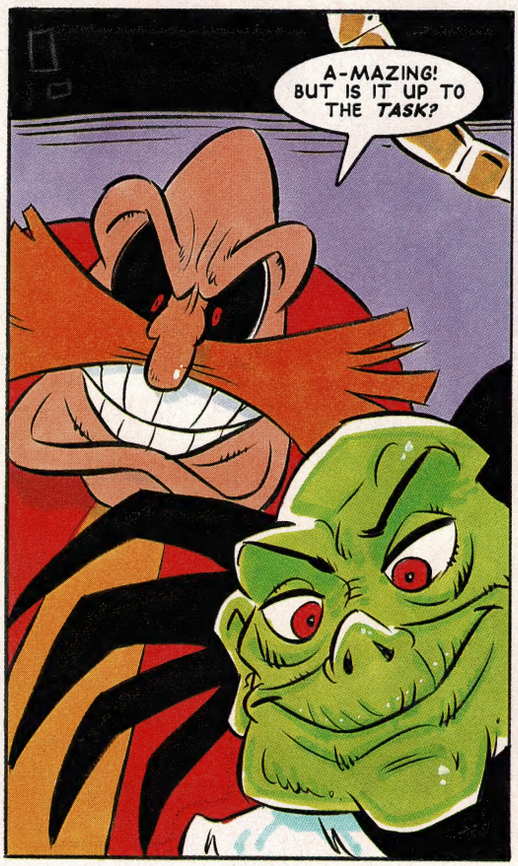
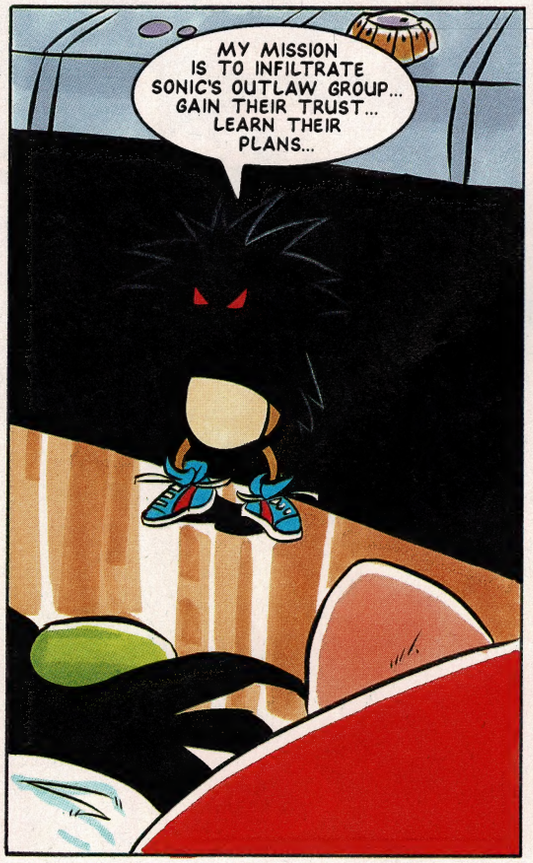
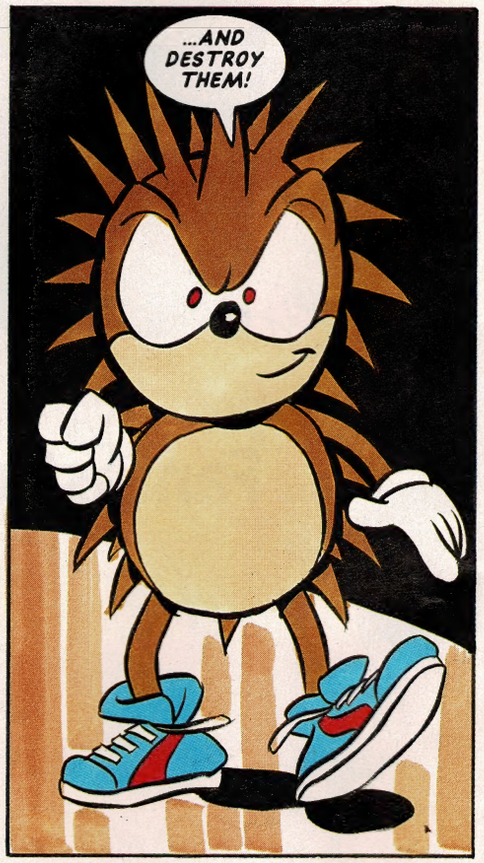
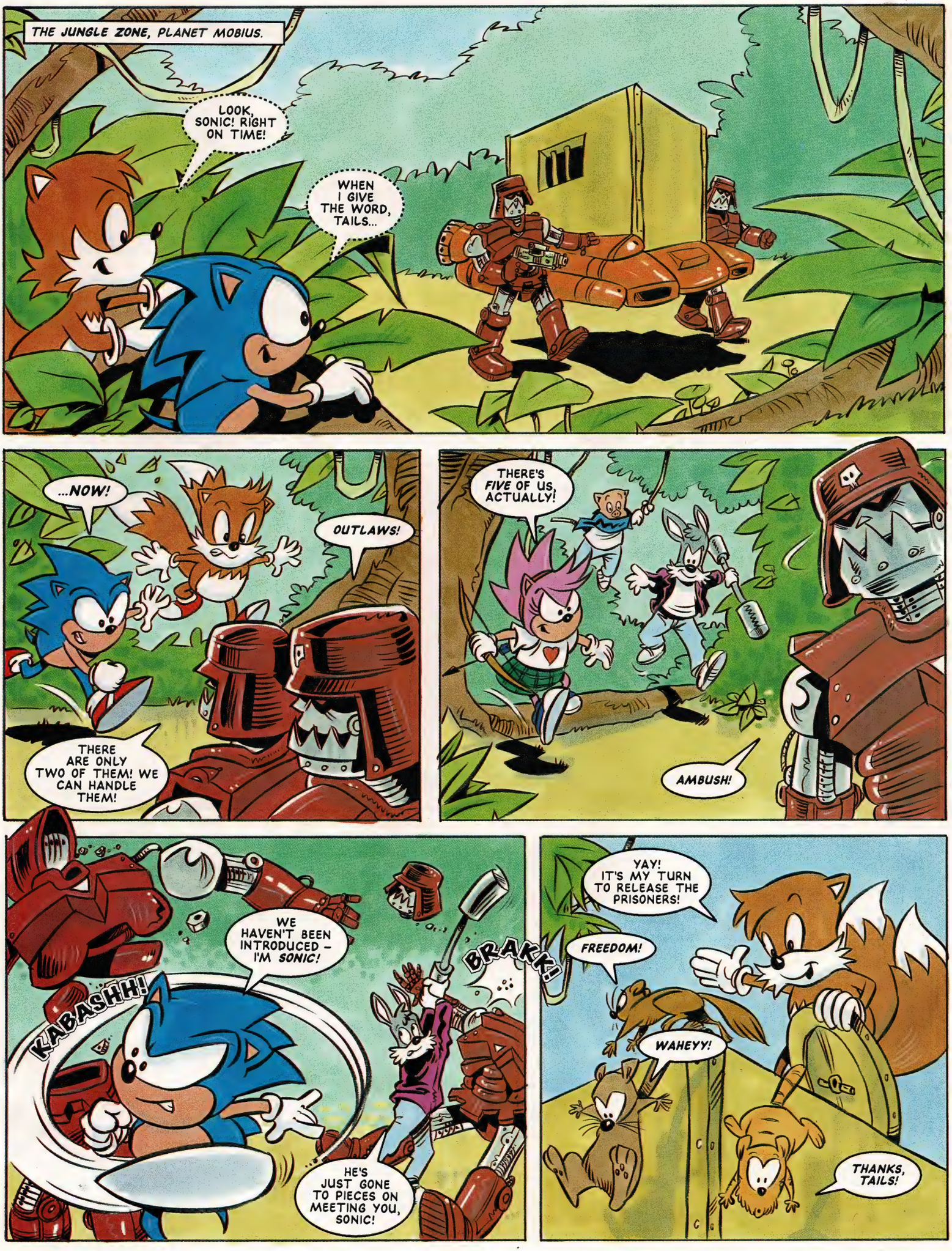
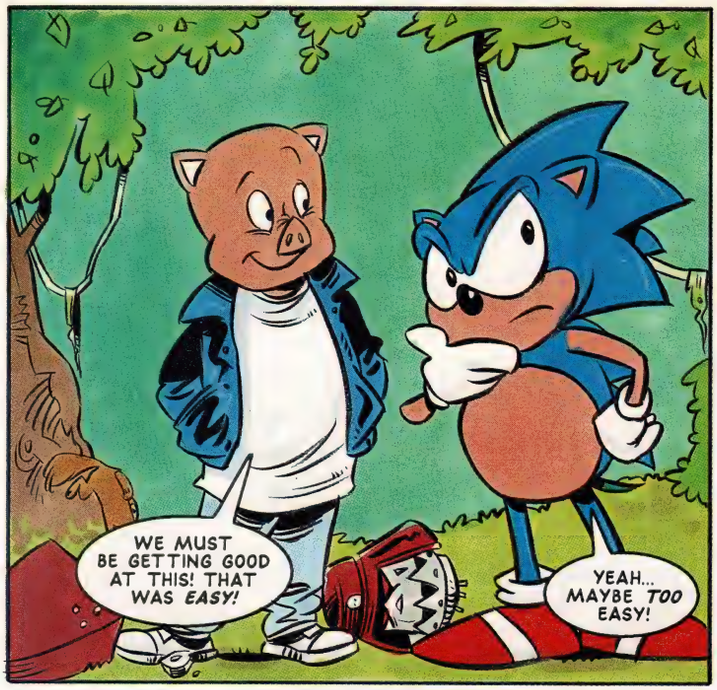


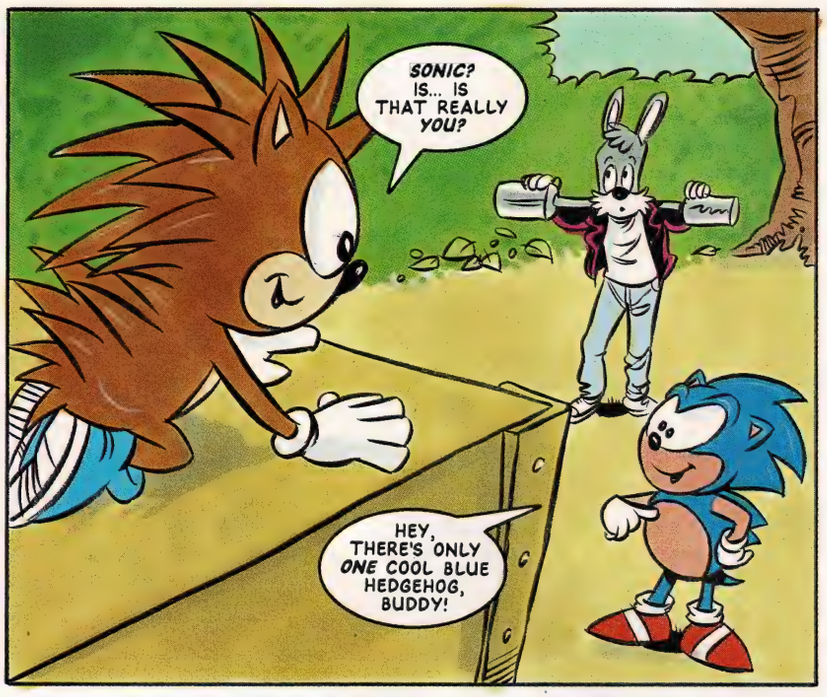


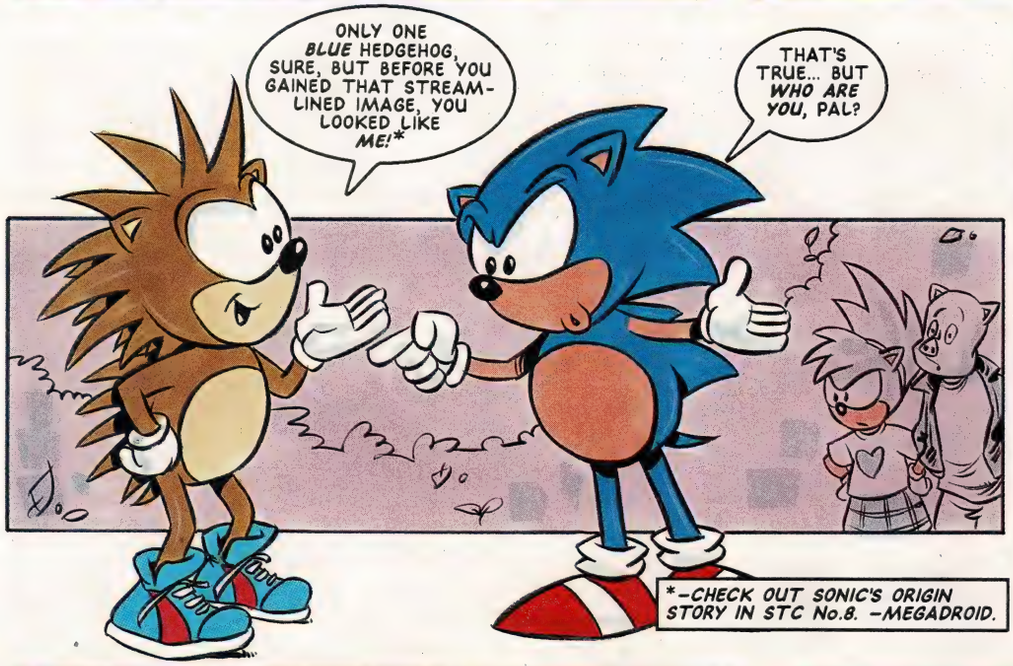


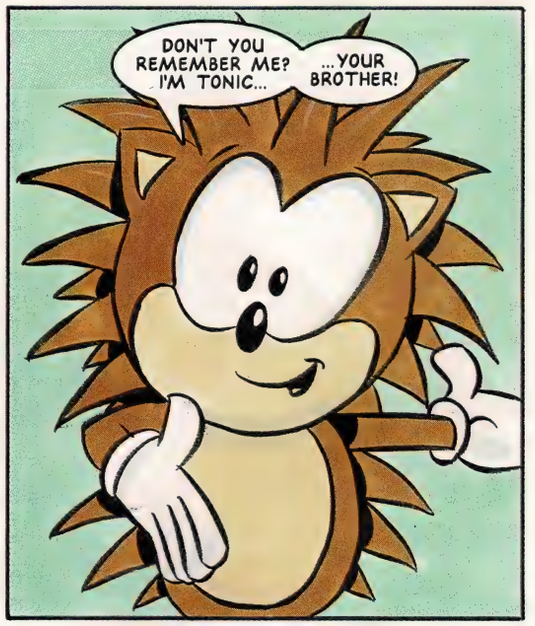


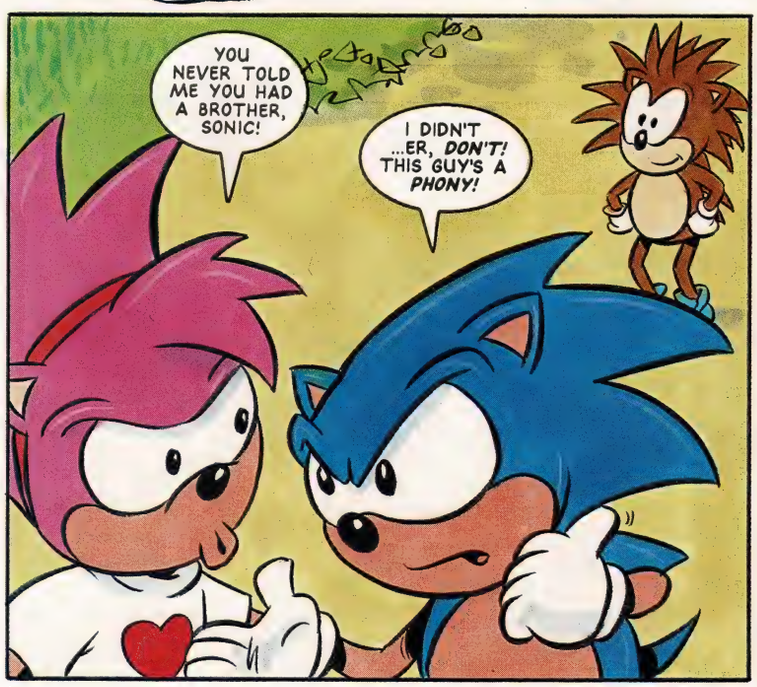

THE JUNGLE ZONE, PLANET MOBIUS.
LOOK, SONIC! RIGHT ON TIME!
WHEN I GIVE THE WORD, TAILS...
...NOW!
OUTLAWS!
THERE ARE ONLY TWO OF THEM! WE CAN HANDLE THEM!
THERE'S FIVE OF US, ACTUALLY!
AMBUSH!
KABASHH!
WE HAVEN'T BEEN INTRODUCED – I'M SONIC!
BRAKK!
HE'S JUST GONE TO PIECES ON MEETING YOU, SONIC!
YAY! IT'S MY TURN TO RELEASE THE PRISONERS!
FREEDOM!
WAHEYY!
THANKS, TAILS!

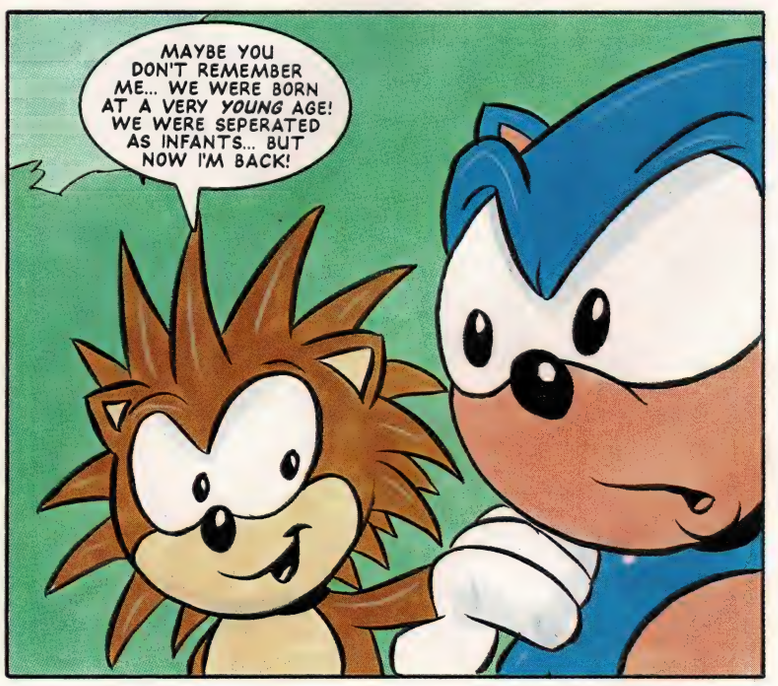

WE MUST BE GETTING GOOD AT THIS! THAT WAS *EASY!*
YEAH... MAYBE *TOO* EASY!

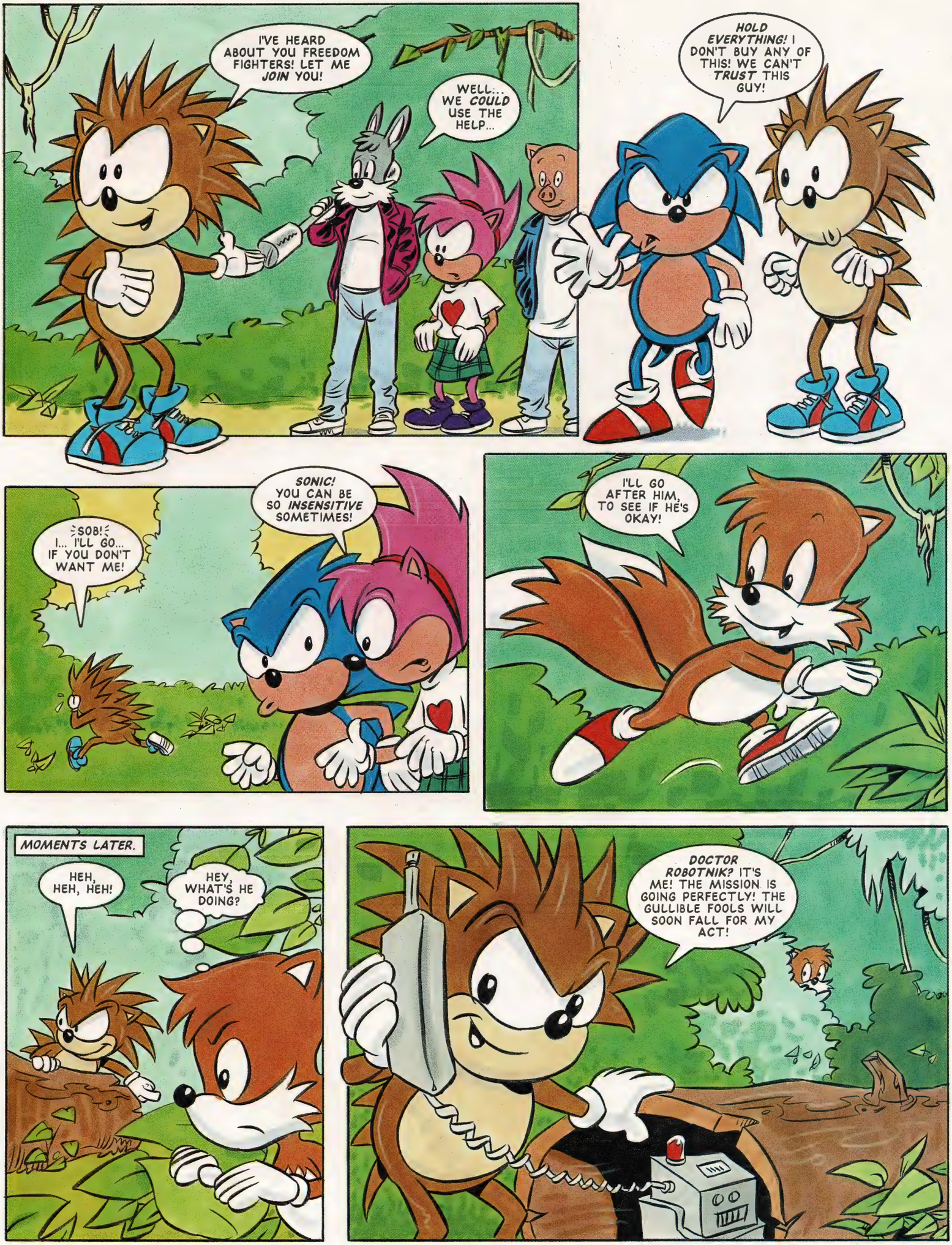

SONIC? IS... IS THAT REALLY *YOU?*
HEY, THERE'S ONLY *ONE* COOL BLUE HEDGEHOG, BUDDY!

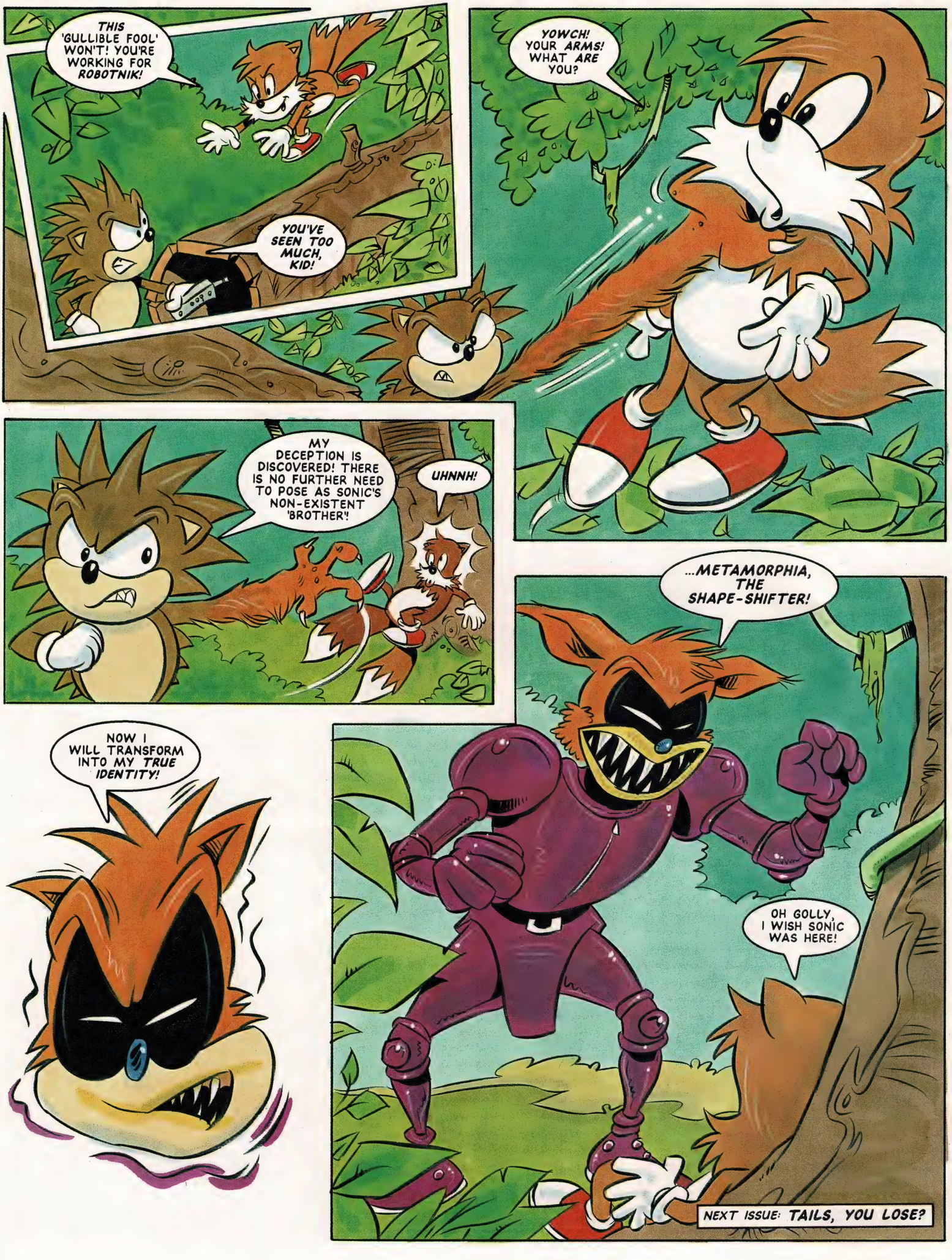

ONLY ONE *BLUE* HEDGEHOG, SURE, BUT BEFORE YOU GAINED THAT STREAM-LINED IMAGE, YOU LOOKED LIKE *ME!**
THAT'S TRUE... BUT *WHO ARE YOU,* PAL?
*-CHECK OUT SONIC'S ORIGIN STORY IN STC No.8. -MEGADROID.


DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? I'M TONIC...
...YOUR BROTHER!


YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU HAD A BROTHER, SONIC!
I DIDN'T ...ER, *DON'T!* THIS GUY'S A *PHONY!*


MAYBE YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME... WE WERE BORN AT A VERY *YOUNG* AGE! WE WERE SEPERATED AS INFANTS... BUT NOW I'M BACK!


I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET ME JOIN YOU!
WELL... WE COULD USE THE HELP...
HOLD EVERYTHING! I DON'T BUY ANY OF THIS! WE CAN'T TRUST THIS GUY!
SONIC! YOU CAN BE SO INSENSITIVE SOMETIMES!
SOB! I... I'LL GO... IF YOU DON'T WANT ME!
I'LL GO AFTER HIM, TO SEE IF HE'S OKAY!
MOMENTS LATER.
HEH, HEH, HEH!
HEY, WHAT'S HE DOING?
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? IT'S ME! THE MISSION IS GOING PERFECTLY! THE GULLIBLE FOOLS WILL SOON FALL FOR MY ACT!


THIS 'GULLIBLE FOOL' WON'T! YOU'RE WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK!
YOU'VE SEEN TOO MUCH, KID!
YOWCH! YOUR ARMS! WHAT ARE YOU?
MY DECEPTION IS DISCOVERED! THERE IS NO FURTHER NEED TO POSE AS SONIC'S NON-EXISTENT 'BROTHER'!
UHNNH!
...METAMORPHIA, THE SHAPE-SHIFTER!
NOW I WILL TRANSFORM INTO MY TRUE IDENTITY!
OH GOLLY, I WISH SONIC WAS HERE!
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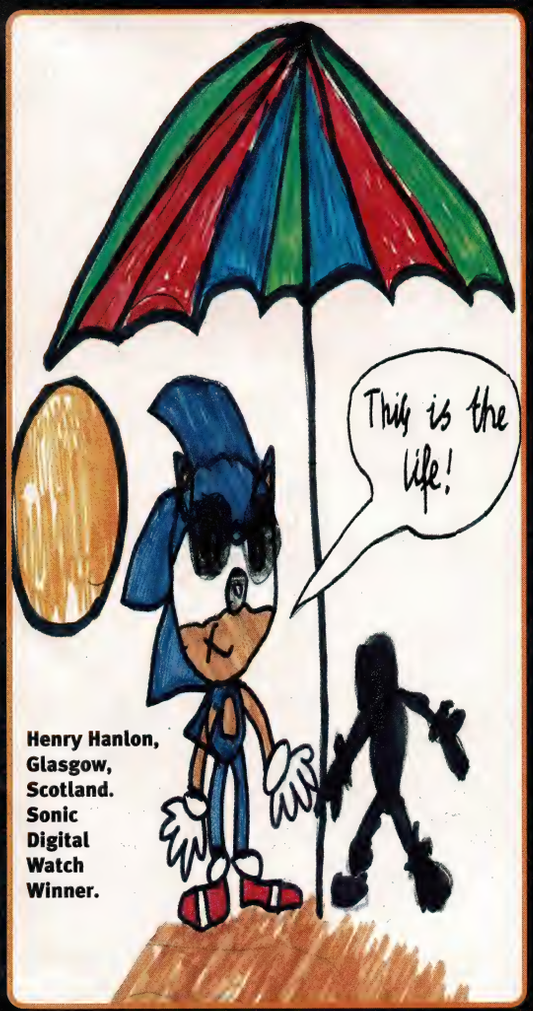

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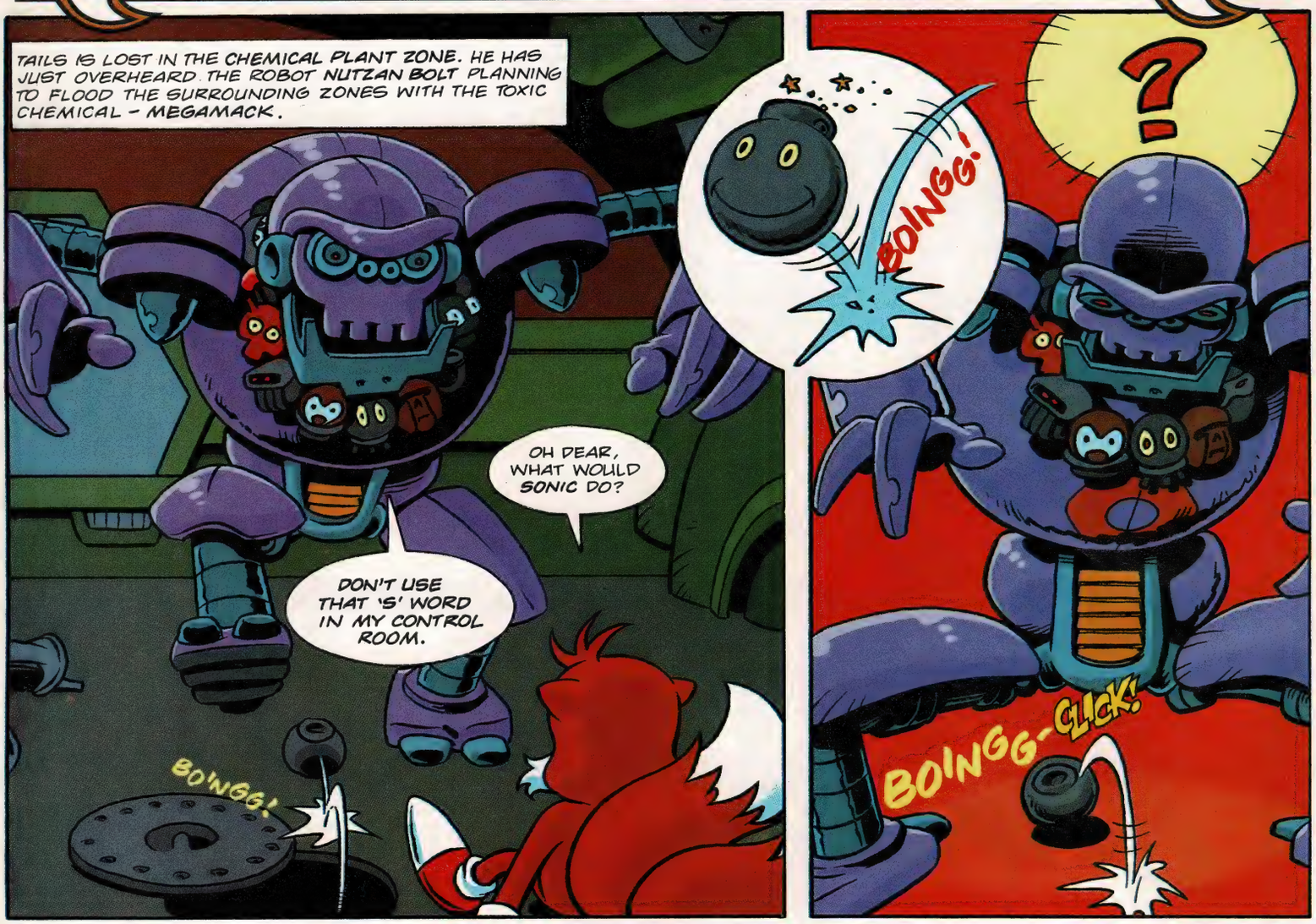
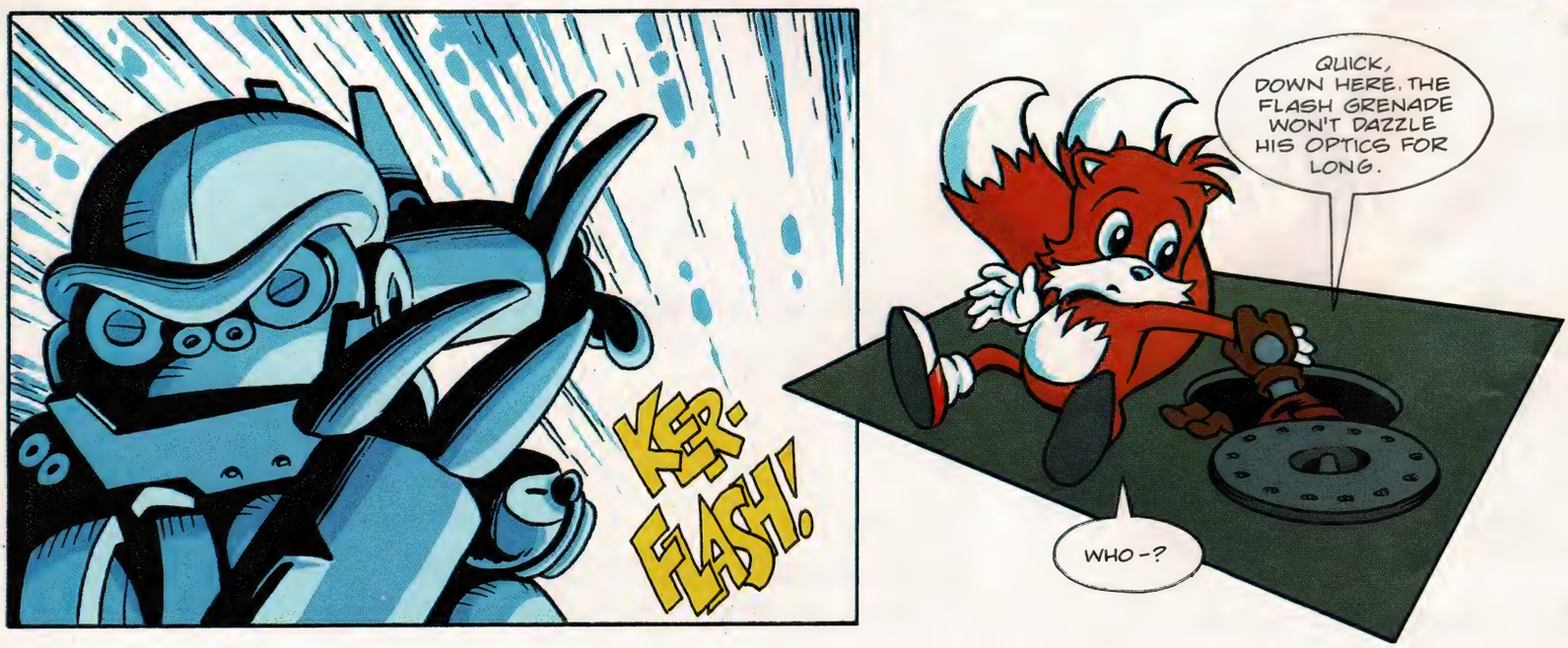
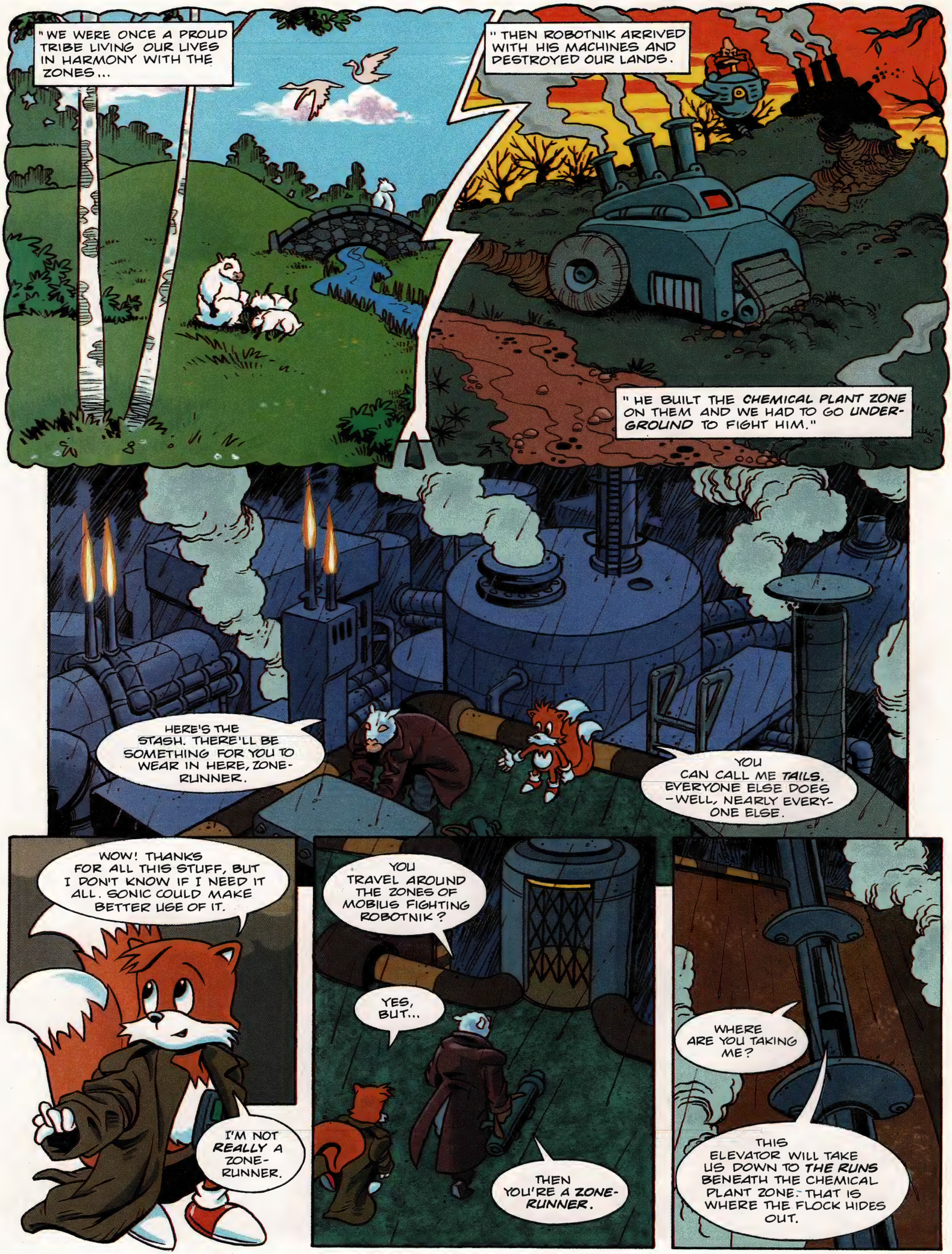
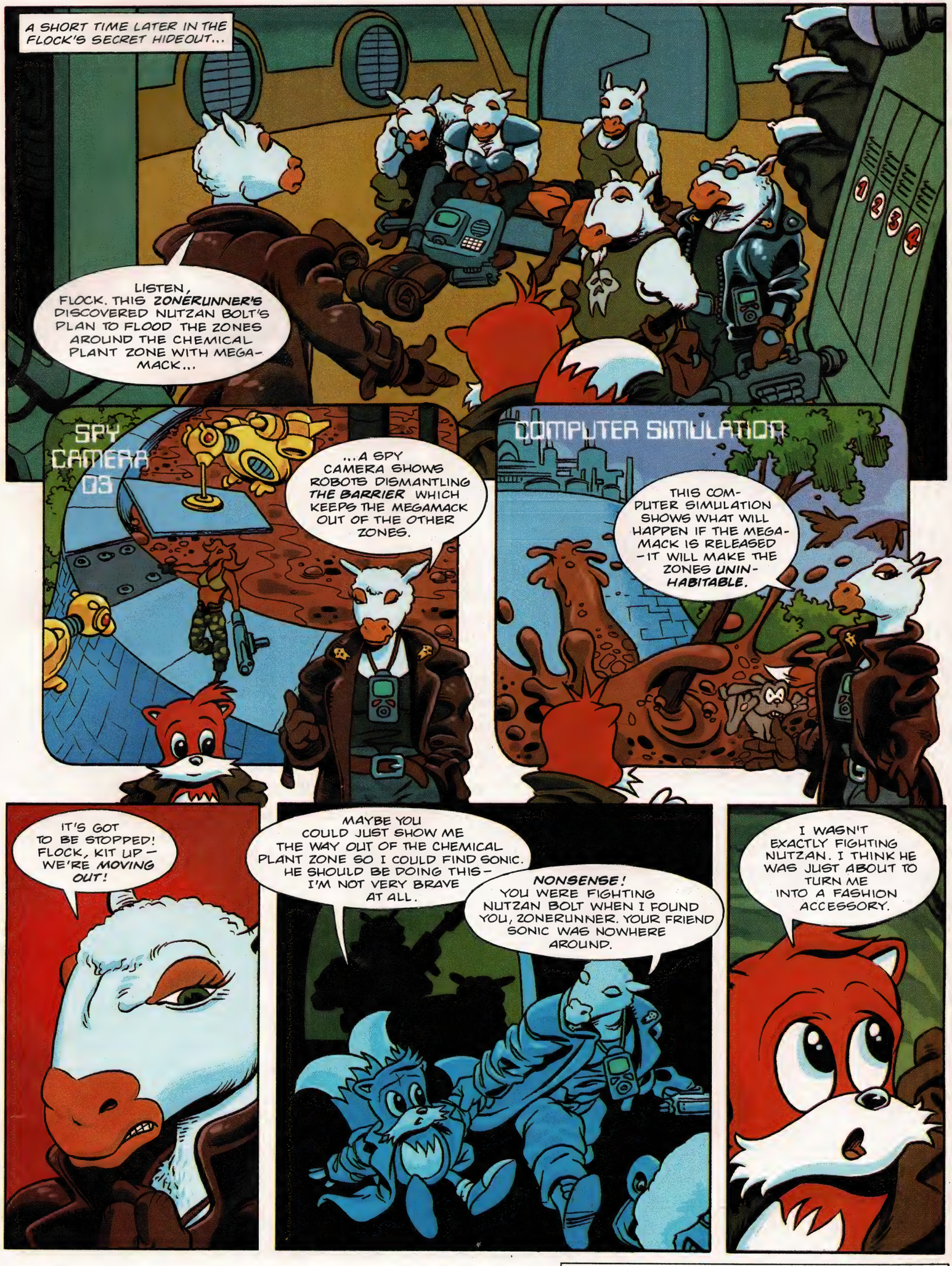

TAILS IS LOST IN THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE. HE HAS JUST OVERHEARD THE ROBOT NUTZAN BOLT PLANNING TO FLOOD THE SURROUNDING ZONES WITH THE TOXIC CHEMICAL - MEGAMACK.
OH DEAR, WHAT WOULD SONIC DO?
DON'T USE THAT 'S' WORD IN MY CONTROL ROOM.
BO'NGG!
?
BOINGG!
BOINGG-CLICK!



THE HANDLE'S SAB. THAT WAS A PRETTY CLOSE CALL, ZONE-RUNNER.
WHAT'S A ZONERUNNER?
IT'S SOMEONE WHO TRAVELS THE ZONES OF MOBIUS FIGHTING ROBOTNIK AND HIS BADNIKS.
COME ON, WE'VE GOT TO HURRY. YOUR EYES SHOULD HAVE RECOVERED FROM THE FLASH BY NOW.
LOST YOUR GEAR DID YOU ? WE'VE GOT A SECRET STASH NEAR HERE. I'LL SOON HAVE YOU KITTED OUT.
WHO ARE YOU?
I ALREADY TOLD YOU- SAB!
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN -um- WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I'M THE LEADER OF THE FLOCK.


"WE WERE ONCE A PROUD TRIBE LIVING OUR LIVES IN HARMONY WITH THE ZONES...
"THEN ROBOTNIK ARRIVED WITH HIS MACHINES AND DESTROYED OUR LANDS.
"HE BUILT THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE ON THEM AND WE HAD TO GO UNDERGROUND TO FIGHT HIM."
HERE'S THE STASH. THERE'LL BE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO WEAR IN HERE, ZONE-RUNNER.
YOU CAN CALL ME TAILS. EVERYONE ELSE DOES -WELL, NEARLY EVERYONE ELSE.
WOW! THANKS FOR ALL THIS STUFF, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I NEED IT ALL. SONIC COULD MAKE BETTER USE OF IT.
I'M NOT REALLY A ZONE-RUNNER.
YOU TRAVEL AROUND THE ZONES OF MOBIUS FIGHTING ROBOTNIK?
YES, BUT...
THEN YOU'RE A ZONE-RUNNER.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
THIS ELEVATOR WILL TAKE US DOWN TO THE RUINS BENEATH THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE. THAT IS WHERE THE FLOCK HIDES OUT.


A SHORT TIME LATER IN THE FLOCK'S SECRET HIDEOUT...
LISTEN, FLOCK. THIS ZONERUNNER'S DISCOVERED NUTZAN BOLT'S PLAN TO FLOOD THE ZONES AROUND THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE WITH MEGA-MACK...
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SPY CAMERA 03
...A SPY CAMERA SHOWS ROBOTS DISMANTLING THE BARRIER WHICH KEEPS THE MEGAMACK OUT OF THE OTHER ZONES.
COMPUTER SIMULATION
THIS COMPUTER SIMULATION SHOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE MEGA-MACK IS RELEASED - IT WILL MAKE THE ZONES UNINHABITABLE.
IT'S GOT TO BE STOPPED! FLOCK, KIT UP - WE'RE MOVING OUT!
MAYBE YOU COULD JUST SHOW ME THE WAY OUT OF THE CHEMICAL PLANT ZONE SO I COULD FIND SONIC. HE SHOULD BE DOING THIS - I'M NOT VERY BRAVE AT ALL.
NONSENSE! YOU WERE FIGHTING NUTZAN BOLT WHEN I FOUND YOU, ZONERUNNER. YOUR FRIEND SONIC WAS NOWHERE AROUND.
I WASN'T EXACTLY FIGHTING NUTZAN. I THINK HE WAS JUST ABOUT TO TURN ME INTO A FASHION ACCESSORY.

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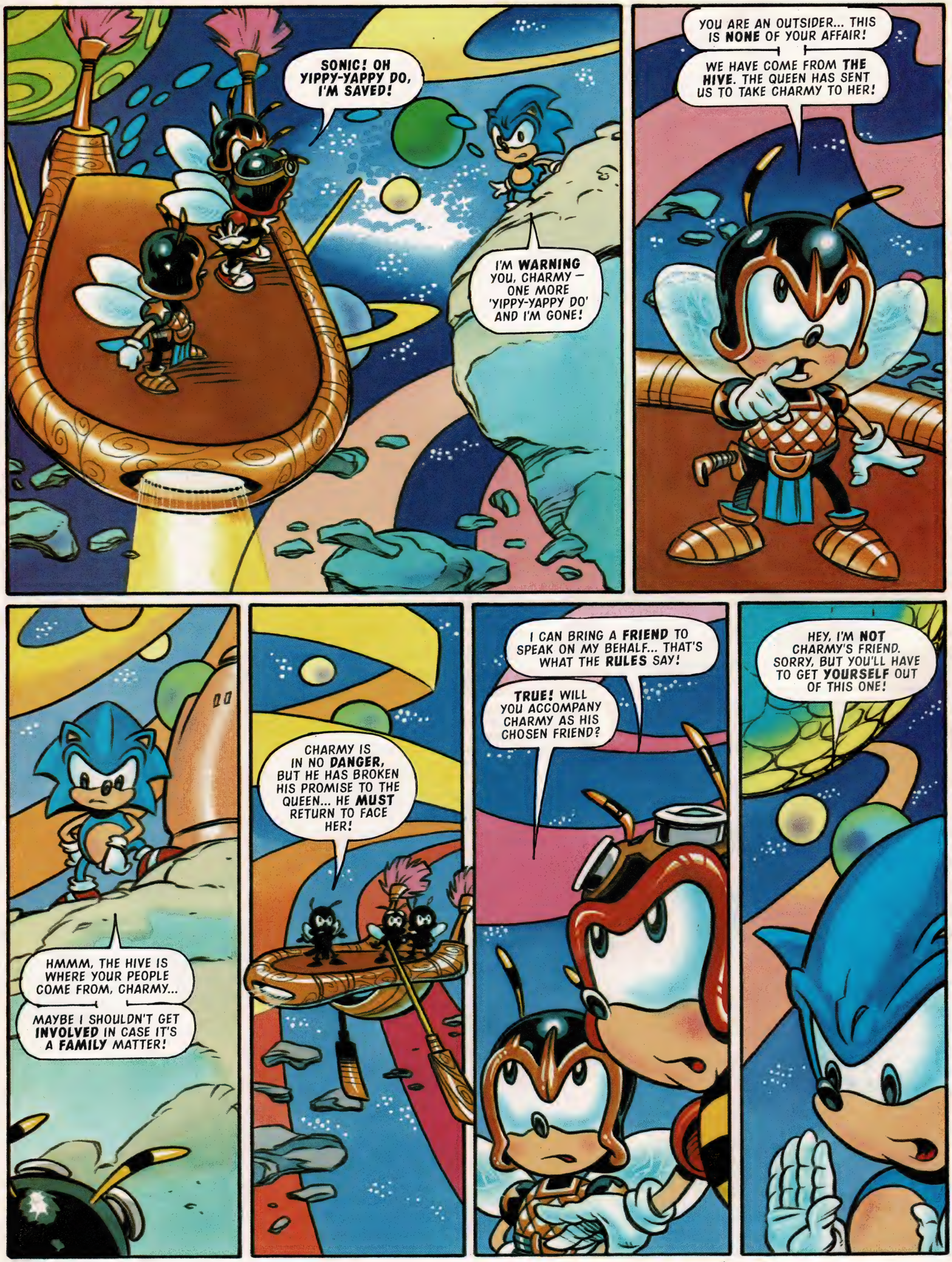
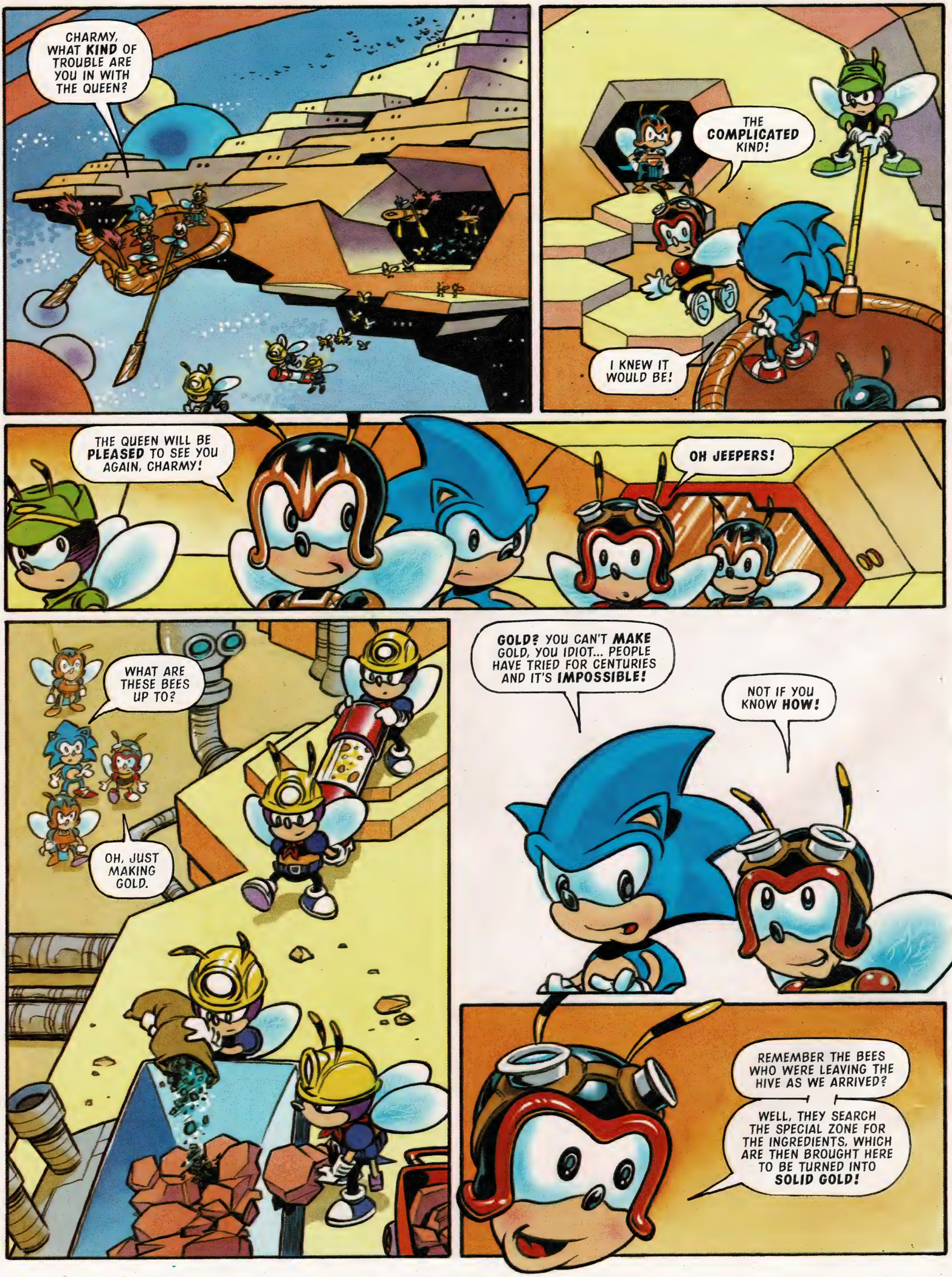
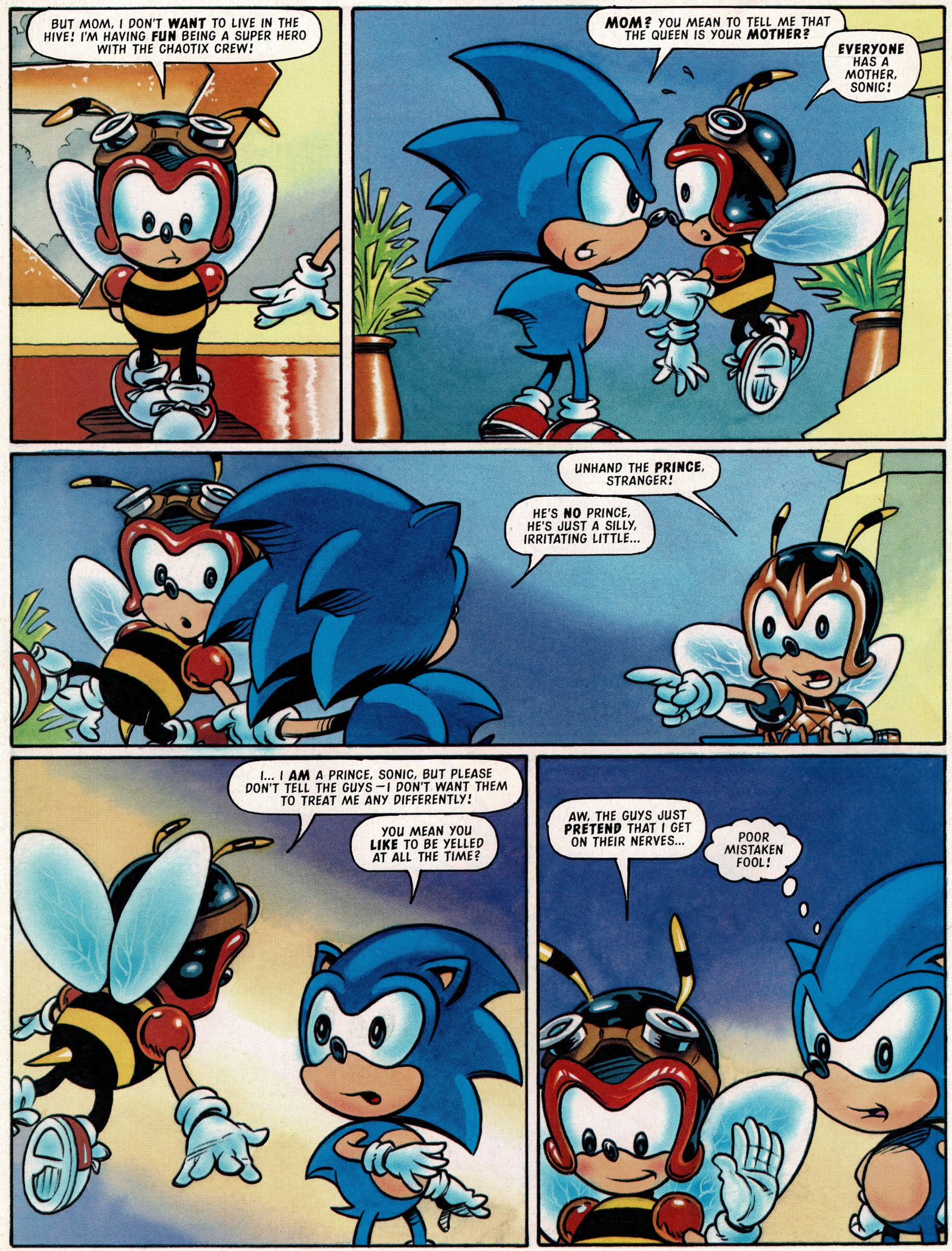
IT'S LATE, BUT ONCE AGAIN SONIC CAN'T SLEEP.
THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY FOR ME TO ESCAPE AND RETURN TO MOBIUS... THERE'S GOT TO BE!
WHAT? THAT'S CHARMY, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED!
CHARMY BEE DRIVES EVERYONE CRAZY! IF HE DISAPPEARS, NOBODY IS GOING TO MISS HIM!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WALK AWAY AS IF I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING...
WHO AM I KIDDING? I'VE GOT TO HELP THE LITTLE RUNT... ALTHOUGH I'LL PROBABLY HATE MYSELF IN THE MORNING!


SONIC! OH YIPPY-YAPPY DO, I'M SAVED!
I'M WARNING YOU, CHARMY — ONE MORE 'YIPPY-YAPPY DO' AND I'M GONE!
YOU ARE AN OUTSIDER... THIS IS NONE OF YOUR AFFAIR!
WE HAVE COME FROM THE HIVE. THE QUEEN HAS SENT US TO TAKE CHARMY TO HER!
HMMM, THE HIVE IS WHERE YOUR PEOPLE COME FROM, CHARMY...
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T GET INVOLVED IN CASE IT'S A FAMILY MATTER!
CHARMY IS IN NO DANGER, BUT HE HAS BROKEN HIS PROMISE TO THE QUEEN... HE MUST RETURN TO FACE HER!
I CAN BRING A FRIEND TO SPEAK ON MY BEHALF... THAT'S WHAT THE RULES SAY!
TRUE! WILL YOU ACCOMPANY CHARMY AS HIS CHOSEN FRIEND?
HEY, I'M NOT CHARMY'S FRIEND. SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GET YOURSELF OUT OF THIS ONE!

OH SONIC, I'M SO GLAD YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND! YES INDEEDY-DIDDLY!
JUST SHUT IT!
AFTER A SHORT JOURNEY...
THAT'S THE HIVE?
YUP, THAT WAS HOME BEFORE I JOINED THE CHAOTIX CREW.


CHARMY, WHAT KIND OF TROUBLE ARE YOU IN WITH THE QUEEN?
THE COMPLICATED KIND!
I KNEW IT WOULD BE!
THE QUEEN WILL BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU AGAIN, CHARMY!
OH JEEPERS!
WHAT ARE THESE BEES UP TO?
OH, JUST MAKING GOLD.
GOLD? YOU CAN'T MAKE GOLD, YOU IDIOT... PEOPLE HAVE TRIED FOR CENTURIES AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
NOT IF YOU KNOW HOW!
REMEMBER THE BEES WHO WERE LEAVING THE HIVE AS WE ARRIVED?
WELL, THEY SEARCH THE SPECIAL ZONE FOR THE INGREDIENTS, WHICH ARE THEN BROUGHT HERE TO BE TURNED INTO SOLID GOLD!

IS THE QUEEN IN ATTENDANCE?
YES. SHE ORDERS YOU TO BRING CHARMY BEE TO HER AS SOON AS YOU ARRIVE!
OO-OOH!
OH DEAR! OH DIDDLY-DEARY ME...
CHARMY, FOR PETE'S SAKE—
SO, CHARMY BEE FINALLY RETURNS TO THE HIVE.
IT'S A PITY YOU ARE HERE AGAINST YOUR WILL!


BUT MOM, I DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN THE HIVE! I'M HAVING FUN BEING A SUPER HERO WITH THE CHAOTIX CREW!
MOM? YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT THE QUEEN IS YOUR MOTHER?
EVERYONE HAS A MOTHER, SONIC!
UNHAND THE PRINCE, STRANGER!
HE'S NO PRINCE, HE'S JUST A SILLY, IRRITATING LITTLE...
I... I AM A PRINCE, SONIC, BUT PLEASE DON'T TELL THE GUYS — I DON'T WANT THEM TO TREAT ME ANY DIFFERENTLY!
YOU MEAN YOU LIKE TO BE YELLED AT ALL THE TIME?
AW, THE GUYS JUST PRETEND THAT I GET ON THEIR NERVES...
POOR MISTAKEN FOOL!

CHARMY, HOW COULD YOU **WORRY** YOUR MOTHER... YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR MONTHS AND NOT **ONE** CALL!
WELL, YOU'RE **BACK** NOW, MY BOY, AND HERE YOU WILL **STAY!**
AS A MEMBER OF THE **ROYAL FAMILY,** YOU HAVE CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES!
YOUR MAJESTY, THE HIVE IS UNDER **ATTACK**... THE **WASPS** HAVE RETURNED!
ATTACK! THIS TIME WE WON'T BE STOPPED!
THE HIVE WILL SOON BELONG TO **VESPER AND HIS WARRIORS!**
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